

Maclay Summer Reading for Rising Sophomores -- Pre-AP

COMMUNITY BOOK. You must read the following community book. The community book is one which is read by every member of the class. Parents are also invited to read the community book. During the first week of school, your English teachers will review, conduct, or oversee projects, presentations, and group seminars -- all in an effort to generate a sharing of ideas as a community.

Author	Title
P.G. Wodehouse	<i>Right Ho, Jeeves!</i> A house party in the country, mixed-up romances, plans that backfire, and a wise butler who knows all the answers--these ingredients come together to create Wodehouse's comic style. The life and loves of the English aristocracy are satirized in this novel.

INDEPENDENT CHOICE: Read **one** book from one of the lists of literary prize-winners. Be sure to choose a book which you have **not** already read for another school assignment. [Click here](#) to see the lists.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT CHOICE: You must also read **one** book from the following list. [Click here](#) for summer reading study guidelines.

Author	Title
Jane Austen	<i>Pride and Prejudice.</i> "It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife." So begins the famous love story of Elizabeth Bennet and Fitzwilliam Darcy, two people hampered by both pride and prejudice, who manage to figure things out in the end.
Charlotte Brontë	<i>Jane Eyre.</i> An orphan girl grows up in Victorian-era England and eventually becomes a governess in a mysterious mansion on the wind-swept moors. Classic romance tale.
Charles Dickens	<i>Great Expectations</i> Pip receives a mysterious inheritance which enables him to live like a gentleman -- but at what cost?
E.M. Forster	<i>A Room With a View.</i> The story of Lucy Honeychurch and the conflict she feels between the desires of her heart and the requirements of society, this book is both a social comedy and a discussion of class structure.
Nevil Shute	<i>On the Beach.</i> What would it be like to know you were doomed to die within a few months, and the rest of the planet with you? This book is the story of the aftermath of nuclear war, as Australian survivors wait for the fallout to arrive.
T.H. White	<i>The Once and Future King .</i> The story of King Arthur and the Round Table, given a slightly more modern spin.
Oscar Wilde	<i>The Importance of Being Earnest.</i> A play which is a hilarious attack on Victorian manners, romance, and mistaken identities.

